



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** MILLTOWN ISLAND HABITAT RESTORATION PHASE 2

#### Description of Proposal:

On Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Skagit Wildlife Area Lands, additional hydrology restoration and re-vegetation work would be done on Milltown Island so the estuary-influenced site can more fully function and benefit Chinook and other salmon.

The currently proposed project will use explosives to remove approximately 1,440 Linear Feet (LF) of dike (0.46 acres) along Steamboat Slough on the west side of Milltown Island. The excavation will lower the elevation of the diked area by approximately four feet, roughly matching the surrounding marsh surface elevation. Additionally, 176 LF of channel will be excavated to allow water to run through the diked areas and into the interior marshes. These actions will restore river and tidal flows to the interior marshes on the island and will increase access for juvenile Chinook and other salmon. Site-appropriate native scrub-shrub vegetation will be planted within the areas affected by dike removal and channel construction activities.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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**Location of Proposal:** Milltown Island on WDFW's Skagit Wildlife Area, Skagit County; NW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 33 North, Range 04 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 17, 2011**

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:**

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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